

No comments or objections have been received. DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States Code, Section 823(a) and determined that the registration of Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. to manufacture methylphenidate is consistent with the public interest at this time. DEA has investigated Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. on a regular basis to ensure that the company's continued registration is consistent with the public interest. These investigations have included inspection and testing of the company's physical security systems, audits of the company's records, verification of the company's compliance with state and local laws, and a review of the company's background and history. Therefore, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 823 and 28 CFR §§ 0.100 and 0.104, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, hereby orders that the application submitted by the above firm for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic class of controlled substance listed above is granted.

Dated: January 22, 1999.

**John H. King,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Drug Enforcement Administration**

**Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Application**

Pursuant to Section 1301.33(a) of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this is notice that on December 10, 1998, Orpharm Inc., 4815 Dacoma, Houston, Texas 77092, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for registration as a bulk manufacture of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:

Drug	Schedule
Methadone (9250) .....	II
Methadone-intermediate (9254) ...	II
levo-alphaacetyl-methadol (9648) ....	II

The firm plans to manufacture methadone and methadone-intermediate for production of LAAM.

Any other such applicant and any person who is presently registered with DEA to manufacturer such substances may file comments or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration.

Any such comments or objections may be addressed, in quintuplicate, to

the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20537, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative (CCR), and must be filed no later than April 5, 1999.

Dated: January 27, 1999.

**John H. King,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Drug Enforcement Administration**

**Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration**

By Notice dated October 1, 1998, and published in the **Federal Register** on October 9, 1998 (63 FR 54494), Research Biochemicals, Inc., Limited Partnership, Attn: Richard Milius, 1-3 Strathmore Road, Natick, Massachusetts 01760, made application by letter to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of cocaine (9041), a basic class of controlled substance listed in Schedule II.

The firm plans to manufacture small quantities of a derivative of cocaine.

No comments or objections have been received. DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States Code, Section 823(a) and determined that the registration of Research Biochemicals, Inc. to manufacture cocaine is consistent with the public interest at this time. DEA has investigated Research Biochemicals, Inc. on a regular basis to ensure that the company's continued registration is consistent with the public interest. These investigations have included inspection and testing of the company's physical security systems, audits of the company's records, verification of the company's compliance with state and local laws, and a review of the company's background and history. Therefore, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 823 and 28 CFR §§ 0.100 and 0.104, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, hereby orders that the application submitted by the above firm for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic class of controlled substance listed above is granted.

Dated: January 27, 1999.

**John H. King,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.*

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**NATIONAL SKILL STANDARDS BOARD**

**Notice of Open Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Skill Standards Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Skill Standards Board was established by an Act of Congress, the National Skill Standards Act, Title V, Pub. L. 103-227. The 27-member National Skill Standards Board serves as a catalyst for the development and implementation of a national system of voluntary skill standards and certification through voluntary partnerships. These partnerships will have the full and balanced participation of business, industry, labor, education and other key groups.

**Time and Place:** The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19 at the Landsdowne Conference Resort located at 44050 Woodbridge Parkway, Leesburg, VA.

**Agenda:** The agenda for the Board Meeting will include: an update on the Board's Strategic Plan; reports from the Board's committees; presentations from the Voluntary Partnerships—Manufacturing, Installation and Repair (Manufacturing Skill Standards Council) and Retail Trade, Wholesale Trade, Real Estate & Personal Services (Sales and Services); and reports from Convening Groups representing the following industry clusters: Business & Administrative Services; Construction; Education and Training; Finance & Training; Restaurants, Lodging, Hospitality & Tourism, and Amusement & Recreation; and Telecommunications, Computers, Arts & Entertainment, and Information.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. (Seats will be reserved for the media.) If special accommodations are needed contact Michele Russo at (202) 254-8628 extension 10.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tracy Marshall, Director of Operations at (202) 254-8628 extension 13.

Signed in Washington, DC this 28th day of January, 1999.

**Eddie West,**

*Executive Director, National Skill Standards Board.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Request Comment

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 354, "Data Report on Spouse".

2. *Current OMB Approval Number:* 3150-0026.

3. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* NRC employees, contractors, licensees, applicants and others (e.g., interveners) who marry after completing NRC's Personnel Security Forms; or marry after having been granted an NRC access authorization or employment clearance.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 60.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 12 (.20 hours per response).

7. *Abstract:* Completion of the NRC Form 354 is a mandatory requirement for NRC employees, contractors, licensees, applicants and others who marry after submission of the Personnel Security Forms, or after receiving an access authorization or employment clearance, to permit the NRC to ensure there is no increased risk to the common defense and security.

Submit, by April 5, 1999, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 F33, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 304-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at [BJS1@NRC.GOV](mailto:BJS1@NRC.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of January 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* NRC Form 741: Revision; NRC Form 740m: Extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:*

—DOE/NRC Forms 741 & 741A—  
Nuclear Material Transaction Report;  
—DOE/NRC Form 740M—Concise Note;

—NUREG/BR-0006—"Instructions for Completing Nuclear Material Transaction Reports and Concise Note, Forms 741, 741A, and 740M".

3. *How often the collection is required:*

—DOE/NRC Form 741/741A: As occasioned by special nuclear material or source material transfers, receipts, or inventory changes that meet certain criteria.  
—DOE/NRC Form 740M: As necessary to inform the U. S. or the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) of any qualifying statement or exception to any of the data contained in any of the other reporting forms required under the US/IAEA Safeguards Agreement.

4. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Persons licensed to possess specified quantities of special nuclear material or source material, and licensees of facilities on the U. S. eligible list who have been notified in writing by the Commission that they are subject to 10 CFR Part 75.

5. *An estimate of the number of responses:*

—DOE/NRC Form 741/741A: 36,500  
—DOE/NRC Form 740M: 1,140

6. *The estimated number of annual respondents:*

—DOE/NRC Form 741/741A: 1,200  
—DOE/NRC Form 740M: 38

7. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:*

—DOE/NRC Form 741/741A: 27,375 for NRC and Agreement State licensees (.75 hour per response with an annual average of 22.8 hours per respondent for 1,200 respondents)  
—DOE/NRC Form 740M: 855 for NRC and Agreement State licensees (.75 hour per response with an annual average of 22.5 hours per respondent for 38 respondents)

8. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.

9. *Abstract:* NRC and Agreement State licensees are required to make inventory and accounting reports on DOE/NRC Form 741/741A for certain source or special nuclear material inventory changes, for transfers or receipts of special nuclear material, or for transfer or receipt of 1 kilogram or more of source material. Licensees affected by 10 CFR Part 75 and related sections of Parts 40, 50, 70, and 150 are required to submit DOE/NRC Form 740M to inform the U. S. or the IAEA of any qualifying statement or exception to any of the data contained in any of the other reporting forms required under the U.S./IAEA Safeguards Agreement. The use of