

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Milliken & Co. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of silver sodium hydrogen zirconium phosphate as an antimicrobial additive for polymers intended to contact food.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark A. Hepp, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3098.

**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 9B4662) has been filed by Milliken & Co., c/o Keller and Heckman, LLP, 1001 G St. NW., suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in 21 CFR part 178—Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers to provide for the safe use of silver sodium hydrogen zirconium phosphate as an antimicrobial additive for polymers intended to contact food.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated: May 7, 1999.

**Alan M. Rulis,**

Director, Office of Premarket Approval,  
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request; The NIH Consultant Information File System

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Center for Scientific Review (CSR), The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

#### Proposed Collection

**Title:** The NIH Consultant Information File System. **Type of Information Collection Request:** Extension **Form Number:** OMB 0925-0358 (expiration 10/31/99) NIH 2668-1; 2668-3. **Need and Use of Information Collection:** This system directly supports the recruitment and appointment of scientific experts. These experts provide evaluative advice on the merit and program relevance of the research grant applications and research contract proposals submitted to the NIH. The primary objective of this system is to support the NIH Peer Review system, but other PHS review administrative staff use the system to identify experts to support their advisory committees. **Frequency of Response:** Intake established record on file, candidate can initiate the updating of their information at any time, formal information update requested every 24 months. **Affected Public:** Individuals or household; Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit; Federal Government. **Type of Respondents:** Adult scientific professionals, Individuals or household. The annual reporting burden is as follows: **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 9,741; **Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1; **Average Burden Hours Per Response:** 0.308; and **Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:** 2,998. The estimated annualized cost to respondents is \$148,665 (Using a \$55 physician/professor hourly wage rate.) There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs, or Maintenance Costs to report.

#### Request for Comments

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency'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 those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data

collection plans and instruments, contact CAPT Edward C. Farley, USPHS, Project Clearance Liaison Officer, CSR, NIH, Rockledge II Building, Room 3028, 6701 Rockledge Drive Bethesda, MD 20892-7760, or call non-toll-free number (301) 594-0601 or E-mail your request, including your address to: farleye@csr.nih.gov

**COMMENTS DUE DATE:** Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before July 23, 1999.

Dated: May 17, 1999.

**Chris Wisdom,**

Executive Officer, CSR.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Training Tomorrow's Scientists: Linking Minorities and Mentors Through the Web

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

#### Proposed Collection

**Title:** Training Tomorrow's Scientists: Linking Minorities and Mentors through the Web. **Type of Information Collection Request:** NEW. **Need and Use of Information Collection:** This activity will increase the visibility of the National Institutes of Health's Research Supplements for Underrepresented Minorities program. The primary objective is to ensure in the coming decades a concentration of minority researchers who will address behavioral and social factors important in improving the public health and eliminating racial disparities. The Office will design a web site that will link promising minorities at the high school through junior faculty levels with senior NIH-funded researchers who are willing to mentor. The activity is consistent with the Congressional mandate for the Office to enhance behavioral and social science training opportunities at NIH, especially for minorities. **Frequency of Response:** On occasion. **Affected Pubic:**

Individuals or households; State, Local or Tribal Government. *Type of Respondents:* Students (high school, college, graduate school), postdoctoral fellows, junior faculty, and NIH researchers. The annual reporting burden is as follows: *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,000; *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1; *Average Burden Hours Per Response:* .49; and *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 1960. *The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at:* 0. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are No Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

#### *Request for Comments*

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency'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 those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Dr. Paula Skedsvold, Science Policy Officer, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, Room B1C32, Bethesda, MD 20892, or call non-toll-free number (301) 435-6780 or E-mail your request, including your address to: skedsvop@od.nih.gov.

**COMMENTS DUE DATE:** Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before July 23, 1999.

Dated: May 18, 1999.

#### **Virginia Cain,**

*Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health Closed

#### National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel, A CHF Trial Investigating Outcomes of Exercise Training (ACTION).

*Date:* June 22, 1999.

*Time:* 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* C. James Scheirer, Chief, Review Branch, NIH, NHLBI, DEA, Two Rockledge Center, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Suite 7216, Bethesda, MD 20892-7924, (301) 435-0266.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.233, National Center for Sleep Disorders Research; 93.837, Heart and Vascular Diseases Research; 93.838, Lung Diseases Research; 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: May 18, 1999.

#### **LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Aging; Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections

552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable materials, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Aging Initial Review Group, Biological Aging Review Committee.

*Date:* June 7-8, 1999.

*Time:* June 7, 1999, 6:00 pm to Adjournment.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* James P. Harwood, Deputy Chief, Scientific Review Office, The Bethesda Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue/Suite 2C212, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-9666.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Aging Initial Review Group, Sociology Aging Review Committee.

*Date:* June 10, 1999.

*Time:* 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Embassy Suites Hotel, The Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road NW, Wisconsin at Western Avenue, Washington, DC 20015.

*Contact Person:* Mary Ann Guadagno, Health Scientist Administrator, Scientific Office of Review, Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue/Suite 2C212, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-9666.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.866, Aging Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: May 18, 1999.

#### **LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Aging; Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial