names of the documents you are requesting to the CFSAN Outreach and Information Center at 1–877–366–3322. The documents may be reviewed at the FDA Dockets Management Branch or the FSIS Docket Clerk's Office at the addresses and hours noted above. The draft risk assessment and the draft risk management action plan documents are also available electronically as follows: www.cfsan.fda.gov, www.fsis.usda.gov, www.foodsafety.gov. The draft risk assessment is also available electronically at www.foodriskclearinghouse.umd.edu.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99N–1075]

Public Health Impact of Vibrio Parahaemolyticus in Raw Molluscan Shellfish; Draft Risk Assessment Document; Availability; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published a notice of availability of a draft risk assessment on the relationship between *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* in raw shellfish and human health in the **Federal Register** of January 19, 2001 (66 FR 5517). Interested persons were given until March 20, 2001, to comment on the draft risk assessment. Because a public meeting has been scheduled close to the end of the comment period, FDA is extending the comment period until May 21, 2001, in order to allow additional time for public comment.

DATES: Submit written comments by May 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1060, Rockville, MD 20852. Two copies of comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments must be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be reviewed at the Dockets Management branch (address above) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherri B. Dennis, Risk Assessment Coordinator, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–032), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–260–3984, FAX 202–260–9653, or e-mail: sdennis@cfsan.fda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of January 19, 2001 (66 FR 5517), FDA announced the availability of a draft risk assessment on the relationship between *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* in raw molluscan shellfish and human health. Comments were sought on the technical aspects of the draft risk assessment in the following areas: (1) The assumptions made, (2) the modeling technique, (3) the data used, and (4) the transparency of the draft risk assessment document. Interested persons were given until March 20, 2001, to comment on the risk assessment. Because a public meeting to receive comments on the draft risk assessment has been scheduled close to the end of the comment period, FDA is extending the comment period until May 21, 2001, to allow additional time for public comment.

To be considered, written comments must be received by May 21, 2001, by the agency's Dockets Management Branch (address above).

A printed copy of the draft risk assessment may be requested by faxing your name and mailing address with the name of the document you are requesting to the CFSAN Outreach and Information Center at 1–877–366–3322. The documents may be reviewed at the Dockets Management Branch at the address and hours noted above. The draft risk assessment is available electronically as follows: www.cfsan.fda.gov, www.foodsafety.gov, and www.foodriskclearinghouse.umd.edu.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[Document Identifier: HCFA–R–214]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

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, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. 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.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility and Supporting Regulations contained in 42 CFR 401.33; *Form No.:* HCFA–R–214 (OMB# 0938–0721); *Use:* The information collection requirements associated with an Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities involve documentation of proficiency of medical personnel and of resources; *Frequency:* Quarterly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Federal Government and State, local and tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* 500; *Total Annual Responses:* 500; *Total Annual Hours:* 42.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at *http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm,* or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed