an EA, an environmental impact statement (EIS), or both.

FDA and the VICH Ecotoxicity/Environmental Impact Assessment Working Group will consider comments about the draft guidance document. Information collection is covered under the Office of Management and Budget control number 0910–0032.

III. Significance of Guidance

This draft document, developed under the VICH process, has been revised to conform to FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). For example, the document has been designated "guidance'' rather than "guideline.'' Because guidance documents are not binding, mandatory words such as "must,'' "shall,'' and "will'' in the original VICH document have been substituted with "should.'' Similarly, words such as "require'' or "requirement'' have been replaced by "recommend'' or "recommendation'' as appropriate to the context.

The draft VICH guidance (#166) represents the agency's current thinking on the conduct of environmental impact assessments for veterinary medicinal products proposed for marketing in the European Union, Japan, and the United States. This guidance does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and will not operate to bind FDA or the public. You may use an alternative method as long as it satisfies the requirements of applicable statutes and regulations.

IV. Comments

This draft guidance document is being distributed for comment purposes only and is not intended for implementation at this time. Interested persons may submit to the Division of Dockets Management (see **ADDRESSES**) written or electronic comments regarding this draft guidance document. Submit a single copy of electronic comments or two paper copies of any mailed comments, except that individuals may submit one paper copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. A copy of the draft guidance and received comments may be seen in the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

V. Electronic Access

Electronic comments may also be submitted electronically on the Internet at *http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments*. Once on this Internet site, select [docket number] entitled "Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA's) for Veterinary Medicinal Products (VMP's)—Phase II'' (VICH GL38) and follow the directions.

Copies of the draft guidance document entitled "Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA's) for Veterinary Medicinal Products (VMP's)—Phase II'' (VICH GL38) may be obtained on the Internet from the CVM home page at *http://www.fda.gov/cvm*.

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Jeffrey Shuren,

Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources And Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443–1129.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: The Division of Independent Review Grant Reviewer Recruitment Form—New

HRSA's Division of Independent Review (DIR) is responsible for carrying out the independent and objective review of all eligible applications submitted to HRSA. DIR ensures that the independent review process is efficient, effective, economical and complies with statutes, regulations and policies. The review of applications is performed by people knowledgeable in the field of endeavor for which support is requested and is advisory to individuals in HRSA responsible for making award decisions.

To streamline the collection, selection and assignment of grant reviewers to objective review committees, HRSA will utilize a web-based data collection form to gather critical reviewer information. The Grant Reviewer Recruitment Form will standardize pertinent categories of reviewer information, such as areas of expertise, occupation, work settings, reviewer experience, and allow maximum use of drop-down menus to simplify for the data collection process. All self-nominated reviewers will be channeled to the Grant Reviewer Recruitment Form; DIR anticipates a monthly volume of approximately 100 self-nominated responses. On a periodic basis, existing HRSA reviewers will be notified and directed to update their profile (via the Grant Reviewer Recruitment Form). HRSA maintains a pool of approximately 5,000 individuals that have previously served on HRSA objective review committees; DIR projects that approximately 3,700 individuals (or 75% of existing reviewers) would comply with instructions to update their profile on the web-based Recruitment Form.

For existing HRSA reviewers, the amount of time required to complete the Recruitment Form will be abbreviated since HRSA will fill-in the Form with previously collected personal information; existing reviewers will focus only on updating changes (*e.g.*, addresses, employer, expertise, occupation) to their profile.

The estimate of burden for the HRSA Grant Reviewer Recruitment Form is as follows:

Type of respondent*	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Minutes per response (minutes)	Total burden hours
New reviewer	1,200	1	1,200	45	900

Type of respondent*	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Minutes per response (minutes)	Total burden hours
Existing reviewer	3,700	1	3,700	30	1850
Total	2,750				

*Includes two categories of grant reviewers: 1) new or self-nominated reviewers that have never served as a HRSA grant reviewer and 2) existing reviewers that have previously served on a HRSA objective review committee.

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14–45, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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Tina M. Cheatham,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

Name: Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages.

Dates and Times: May 3, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., May 4, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., May 5, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Place: The Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public.

Agenda: Agenda items will include, but not be limited to: Welcome; plenary session on healthcare workforce issues as they relate to the grant programs under the purview of the Committee with presentations by speakers representing the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), constituent groups, field experts and committee members. The following topics will be addressed at the meeting: What does the national health care workforce currently look like; what is the impact of Title VII, Section 751–756 programs on health workforce distribution and retention; and what are next steps for Title VII, Sections 751–756 programs in addressing the distribution and retention of health professionals.

Proposed agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Public Comments: Public comment will be permitted at the end of the Committee meeting on May 3, 2004 and before lunch on May 4, 2004. Oral presentations will be limited to 5 minutes per public speaker. Persons interested in providing an oral presentation should submit a written request, with a copy of their presentation to: Jennifer Donovan, Deputy Executive Secretary, Division of State, Community and Public Health, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 9–105, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone (301) 443–8044.

Requests should contain the name, address, telephone number, and any business or professional affiliation of the person desiring to make an oral presentation. Groups having similar interests are requested to combine their comments and present them through a single representative. The Division of State, Community and Public Health will notify each presenter by mail or telephone of their assigned presentation time.

Persons who do not file a request in advance for a presentation, but wish to make an oral statement may register to do so at the Double Tree Hotel, Rockville, MD, on May 3, 2004. These persons will be allocated time as the Committee meeting agenda permits.

For Further Information Contact: Anyone requiring information regarding the Committee should contact Jennifer Donovan, Division of State, Community and Public Health, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 9–105, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone (301) 443–8044.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Inspector General

Program Exclusions: March 2004

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of program exclusions.

During the month of March 2004, the HHS Office of Inspector General imposed exclusions in the cases set forth below. When an exclusions is imposed, no program payment is made to anyone for any items or services (other than an emergency item or service not provided in a hospital emergency room) furnished, ordered or prescribed by an excluded party under the Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal Health Care programs. In addition, no program payment is made to any business or facility, e.g., a hospital, that submits bills for payment for items or services provided by an excluded party. Program beneficiaries remain free to decide for themselves whether they will continue to use the services of an excluded party even though no program payments will be made for items and services provided by that excluded party. The exclusions have national effect and also apply to all Executive Branch procurement and non-procurement programs and activities.

Subject name	Address	Effective date
PROGRAM-RELATED CONVICTIONS		
ABELL, RICHARD	NEW PORT RICHEY, FL	4/20/2004
ANZUETO, ROSA	SOUTH GATE, CA	4/20/2004
ARCIAGA, RECY	FONTANA, CA	4/20/2004
BONDERER, VIRGINIA	NORWALK, OH	4/20/2004
BRISBON, TERESA	ATLANTA, GA	4/20/2004
BROWN, RONALD	ST LOUIS, MO	4/20/2004
BURGESS, STEPHANIE	CLEVELAND, SC	4/20/2004
CALIMBAS, JOSELITO	MONROVIA, CA	4/20/2004
CASTILLO, ELI	LOS ANGELES, CA	4/20/2004