processing services for third party accounts.)

District 9.—Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (2003 NOW/DDA Services.) (Does not provide item processing services for third party accounts.)

District 10.—Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka (2003 NOW/DDA Services.) (Does not provide item processing services for third party accounts.)

District 11.—Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco (2003 NOW/DDA services.) (Does not provide item processing services for third party accounts.)

District 12.—Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle (2003 NOW/DDA Services.) (Does not provide item processing services for third party accounts.)

Dated: February 6, 2003.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Stephen M. Cross,

Director, Office of Supervision.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts

Section 30.13 of the Department of Health and Human Services' claims collection regulations (45 CFR part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after taking into consideration private consumer rates of interest prevailing on the date that HHS becomes entitled to recovery. The rate generally cannot be lower than the Department of Treasury's current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the ''Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities.'' This rate may be revised quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury and shall be published quarterly by the Department of Health and Human Services in the **Federal Register**.

The Secretary of the Treasury has certified a rate of 10¾% for the quarter ended December 31, 2002. This interest rate will remain in effect until such time as the Secretary of the Treasury notifies HHS of any change.

Dated: February 4, 2003.

George Strader,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS).

Time and Date: February 26, 2003—9 a.m.–2:30 p.m. February 27, 2003—9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 705A, Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: At this meeting the Committee will hear presentations and hold discussions on several health data policy topics. On the morning of the first day the full Committee will hear updates and status reports from the Department on several topics including an update on HHS Data Council activities and the implementation of the administrative simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). There will also be a presentation on the Consolidated Health Informatics Initiative, and an update on activities at the National Center for Health Statistics. In the afternoon there will be a report from the Subcommittee on Populations on selected activities and an update on the NCVHS 2000–2002 report. There will be Subcommittee breakout sessions late in the afternoon of the first day and prior to the full Committee meeting on the second day. Agendas for these breakout sessions will be posted on the NCVHS website (URL below) when available. On the second day the Committee will hear presentations on ethics requirements related to federal advisory group membership and on population health, followed by a discussion of Committee organizational issues. In the afternoon, each of the NCVHS Subcommittees will report on their breakout sessions from the first day and other activities. Finally, the agendas for future NCVHS meetings will be discussed.

Contact Person for More Information: Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458–4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS Web site: *http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/,* where further information including an agenda will be posted when available.

Dated: February 3, 2003.

James Scanlon,

Acting Director, Office of Science and Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition Reports

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

Pursuant to 42 United States Code 13218 (b), the Department of Health and Human Services gives notice that the Department's 1999–2001 alternative fuel vehicle compliance reports are available on-line at *http://www.knownet.hhs.gov/log/afvcompliance.htm.* The 2002 reports are being prepared and will be posted to this site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Mahaney at (202) 690–5663, or via e-mail at *steve.mahaney@hhs.gov.*

Dated: January 27, 2003.

Ed Sontag,

Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Aging

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Senior Medicare Patrol Projects

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging (AoA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information collection requirements relating to Senior Medicare Patrol Projects.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by April 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: *barbara.lewis@aoa.gov.* Submit written comments on the collection of information to Administration on Aging, Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Lewis, Administration on Aging, Center for Wellness and Community-Based Services, Office of Consumer Choice and Protection, Washington, DC 20201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. ''Collection of information'' is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency request or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, AoA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document. With respect to the following collection of information, AoA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AoA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of AoA'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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

This information collection, Senior Medicare Patrol Projects, continues an existing collection, which had been administered by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) to prevent error, fraud and abuse in the Medicare Program. This is now being transferred from the OIG to the Administration on Aging, and administered under Title IV of the Older Americans Act.

Grantees are required by Congress to provide information for use in program monitoring and for GPRA purposes. This information collection reports the number of new trainers trained and other Medicare outreach activities, and the number of dollars recouped for the Medicare Trust Fund.

AoA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows: a total of 8 hours for each of 51 grantees per year for the two semi-annual reports.

Dated: February 4, 2003.

Josefina G. Carbonell,

Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 94D–0325]

International Conference on Harmonisation; Revised Guidance on Q3A Impurities in New Drug Substances; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a revised guidance entitled ''Q3A(R) Impurities in New Drug Substances.'' The revised guidance, which updates a guidance on the same topic published in the **Federal Register** of January 4, 1996 (the 1996 guidance), was prepared under the auspices of the International Conference on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH). The revised guidance clarifies the 1996 guidance, adds information, and provides consistency with more recently published ICH guidances. The revised guidance is intended to provide guidance to applicants for drug marketing registration on the content and qualification of impurities in new drug substances produced by chemical syntheses and not previously registered in a country, region, or member State.

DATES: The guidance is effective February 11, 2003. Submit written or electronic comments at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of the guidance to the Division of Drug Information (HFD–240), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, or the Office of Communication, Training and Manufacturers Assistance (HFM–40), Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or by calling the CBER Voice Information System at 1–800–835–4709 or 301–827–1800. Copies may be obtained from CBER's FAX Information System at 1–888–CBER-FAX or 301–827–3844. Submit written comments on the guidance to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Submit electronic comments to http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments. Requests and comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORAMTION** section of this document for electronic access to the guidance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regarding the guidance: Charles P. Hoiberg, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD–800), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–5918.

Regarding the ICH: Janet Showalter, Office of International Programs (HFG–1), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–0864.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In recent years, many important initiatives have been undertaken by regulatory authorities and industry associations to promote international harmonization of regulatory requirements. FDA has participated in many meetings designed to enhance harmonization and is committed to seeking scientifically based harmonized technical procedures for pharmaceutical development. One of the goals of harmonization is to identify and then reduce differences in technical requirements for drug development among regulatory agencies.

ICH was organized to provide an opportunity for tripartite harmonization initiatives to be developed with input from both regulatory and industry representatives. FDA also seeks input from consumer representatives and others. ICH is concerned with harmonization of technical requirements for the registration of pharmaceutical products among three