

from the proposed change due to legal differences.

Shifting the posting of ACH debit transfers to 8:30 a.m. would serve to bring the settlement of ACH debit transfers processed by the Reserve Banks' FedACH service in line with its private-sector competitor and reduce a competitive disadvantage to the Reserve Banks. The proposed posting-rule change would benefit not only FedACH participants that originate debit transfers but also EPN customers that originate debit transfers sent to FedACH, which settle according to the Board's posting rules.

#### V. Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506; 5 CFR 1320 Appendix A.1), the Board reviewed the PSR policy change it is considering under the authority delegated to the Board by the Office of Management and Budget. No collection of information pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act are contained in the policy statement.

#### VI. Federal Reserve Policy on Payments System Risk

If the Board adopts an earlier posting time for ACH debit transfers and EFTPS investments associated with ACH debit transfers, it would amend the "Federal Reserve Policy on Payments System Risk" Section II.A. under the subheading "Procedures for Measuring Daylight Overdrafts" as follows in *italic*.

*Procedures for Measuring Daylight Overdrafts*<sup>17</sup>

*Opening Balance (Previous Day's Closing Balance)*

Post at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time:  
+/-Government and commercial ACH transactions<sup>18</sup>

<sup>17</sup>This schedule of posting rules does not affect the overdraft restrictions and overdraft-measurement provisions for nonbank banks established by the Competitive Equality Banking Act of 1987 and the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.52).

<sup>18</sup>Institutions that are monitored in real time must fund the total amount of their commercial ACH credit originations in order for the transactions to be processed. If the Federal Reserve receives commercial ACH credit transactions from institutions monitored in real time after the scheduled close of the Fedwire Funds Service, these transactions will be processed at 12:30 a.m. the next business day, or by the ACH deposit deadline, whichever is earlier. The Account Balance Monitoring System provides intraday account information to the Reserve Banks and institutions and is used primarily to give authorized Reserve Bank personnel a mechanism to control and monitor account activity for selected institutions. For more information on ACH transaction processing, refer to the ACH Settlement Day Finality Guide available through the Federal Reserve Financial Services Web site at <http://www.frb-services.org>

+ Treasury Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) investments from ACH transactions  
+ Advance-notice Treasury investments  
+ Treasury checks, postal money orders, local Federal Reserve Bank checks, and EZ-Clear savings bond redemptions in separately sorted deposits; these items must be deposited by 12:01 a.m. local time or the local deposit deadline, whichever is later  
-Penalty assessments for tax payments from the Treasury Investment Program (TIP).<sup>19</sup>

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By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 28, 2008.

Jennifer J. Johnson,  
Secretary of the Board.

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#### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### Federal Travel Regulation (FTR); Maximum Per Diem Rates for the States of Alabama, California, Illinois, Missouri, New York, and Texas

**AGENCY:** Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Per Diem Bulletin 08-03, revised continental United States (CONUS) per diem rates.

**SUMMARY:** The General Services Administration (GSA) has reviewed the per diem rates for certain locations in the States of Alabama, California, Illinois, Missouri, and Texas, using more current lodging industry data, as well as data on where Federal travelers actually stay when visiting these locations. The county information for St. Louis, Missouri has expanded to include the counties of Crawford, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Warren, and Washington. Queens, New York will have the same per diem rates as Manhattan beginning March 17, 2008.

Finally, an analysis of the meals and incidental expenses (M&IE) data reveals that the maximum M&IE rates for the State of Alabama, the city of Mobile, including the county of Mobile; the State of California, the cities of Eureka, Arcata, and McKinleyville, including the county of Humboldt; and the State

<sup>19</sup>The Reserve Banks will identify and notify institutions with Treasury-authorized penalties on Thursdays. In the event that Thursday is a holiday, the Reserve Banks will identify and notify institutions with Treasury-authorized penalties on the following business day. Penalties will then be posted on the business day following notification.

of Texas, the city of Beaumont, including the county of Jefferson, should be increased and adjusted to provide for the reimbursement of Federal employees' M&IE expenses.

The per diem rates prescribed in Bulletin 08-03 may be found at <http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem>.

**DATES:** This notice is effective March 17, 2008 and applies to travel performed on or after March 17, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For clarification of content, contact Mr. Cy Greenidge, Office of Governmentwide Policy, Travel Management Policy, at (202) 219-2349. Please cite FTR Per Diem Bulletin 08-03.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Background

After an analysis of the per diem rates established for FY 2008 (see the **Federal Register** notice at 72 FR 43642, August 6, 2007), the per diem rate is being changed in the following locations:

##### State of Alabama

- Mobile County

##### State of California

- Humboldt County
- Monterey County

##### State of Illinois

- Bond County
- Calhoun County
- Clinton County
- Jersey County
- Macoupin County
- Madison County
- Monroe County
- St. Clair County

##### State of Missouri

- St. Louis City
- St. Louis County
- St. Charles County
- Crawford County
- Franklin County
- Jefferson County
- Lincoln County
- Warren County
- Washington County

##### State of New York

- The borough of Queens

##### State of Texas

- Jefferson County

Per diem rates are published on the Internet at <http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem> as an FTR Per Diem Bulletin and published in the **Federal Register** on a periodic basis. This process ensures timely increases or decreases in per diem rates established by GSA for Federal employees on official travel within CONUS. Notices published periodically in the **Federal Register**,

such as this one, now constitute the only notification of revisions in CONUS per diem rates to agencies.

Dated: March 3, 2008.

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Office of Travel, Transportation and Asset  
Management.*

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Update to the Master Plan for the Consolidation of the Food and Drug Administration Headquarters at the Federal Research Center at White Oak in Silver Spring, MD

**AGENCY:** General Service Administration (GSA); National Capital Region.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), GSA Order PBS P1095.1F (Environmental considerations in decisionmaking, date October 19, 1999), and the GSA Public Buildings Service NEPA Desk Guide, GSA plans to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the proposed update to the Master Plan to support the consolidation of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Headquarters at the Federal Research Center at White Oak in Silver Spring, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Suzanne Hill, NEPA Lead, General Services Administration, National Capital Region, at (202) 205-5821. Please also call this number if special assistance is needed to attend and participate in the scoping meeting.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of intent is as follows:

### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplement Environmental Impact Statement

The General Services Administration intends to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to analyze the potential impacts resulting from the proposed Master Plan update to support the FDA Headquarters consolidation at the Federal Research Center (FRC) at White Oak in Silver Spring, Maryland.

This SEIS is a supplement to the analyses presented in the *U.S. Food and*

*Drug Administration Consolidation, Montgomery County, Final Environmental Impact Statement, April 1997* and the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration Headquarters Consolidation, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, March 2005.*

### Background

In 1997, GSA completed an environmental impact statement that analyzed the impacts from the consolidation of 5,974 FDA employees at the FRC. In 2005, GSA also completed a supplemental environmental impact statement that analyzed the impacts of increasing the number of employees from 5,947 to 7,720 and the impacts of creating a new eastern access point into the FRC. In September 2007, new legislation was enacted that expanded FDA's mandate to support the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) and the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act (MDUFMA). In order for FDA to fulfill the legislated mandates, additional employees may be needed, and the new legislation will likely result in an increase of employees at the FRC from 7,720 to 8,889. The increase in the campus population is needed to conduct the complex and comprehensive reviews necessary for new drugs and medical devices.

The purpose of the proposed action is to update the Master Plan for the FDA Campus at FRC to accommodate employee growth from 7,720 to 8,889 within the 130 acres appropriated by Congress for the FDA Campus. Need for the proposed action is to continue to support FDA Headquarters consolidation at FRC and provide the necessary office and laboratory space to support the expanded PDUFA and MDUFMA programs.

### Alternatives Under Consideration

GSA will analyze a range of alternatives including the no action alternative for the proposed Master Plan update of the FDA headquarters to support PDUFA and MDUFMA programs. As part of the SEIS, GSA will study the impacts of each alternative on the human environment.

### Scoping Process

In accordance with NEPA, a scoping process will be conducted to aid in determining the alternatives to be considered and the scope of issues to be addressed, as well as for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed update of the Master Plan to accommodate the additional increase in employees at the FDA Headquarters at White Oak, Maryland. Scoping will be

accomplished through a public scoping meeting, direct mail correspondence to potentially interested persons, agencies, and organizations, and meetings with agencies having an interest in the FRC. It is important that Federal, regional, State, and local agencies, and interested individuals and groups take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that should be addressed during the preparation of the Draft SEIS.

### Public Scoping Meeting

The public scoping meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2008, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the CHI Center (Multipurpose Room) located at 10501 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. The meeting will be an informal open house along with a brief presentation, where visitors may come, receive information, and give comments. GSA will publish notices in the Washington Post and local newspapers announcing this meeting approximately two weeks prior to the meeting. GSA will prepare a scoping report, available to the public, that will summarize the comments received and facilitate their incorporation into the SEIS process.

*Written Comments:* Agencies and the public are encouraged to provide written comments on the scoping issues in addition to or in lieu of giving their comments at the public scoping meeting. Written comments regarding the environmental analysis for the proposed Master Plan update must be postmarked no later than April 7, 2008, and sent to the following address: General Services Administration, Attention: Suzanne Hill, NEPA Lead, 301 7th Street, SW., Room 7600, Washington, DC 20407, (202) 205-5821. E-mail: [Suzanne.Hill@gsa.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Hill@gsa.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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### Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on