

2. Applications which do not meet the criteria above are considered late applications and will be returned to the applicant.

Where To Obtain Additional Information

To receive additional information, call (404) 332-4561. You will be asked to leave your name, address, and phone number and will need to refer to Announcement Number 506. You will receive a complete program description, information on application procedures, and application forms.

If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical information may be obtained from Lisa Tamaroff, Grants Management Specialist, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, telephone (404) 842-6796. Programmatic technical assistance may be obtained from Ted Jones, Project Officer, Extramural Research Grants Branch, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Mailstop K-58, 4770 Buford Highway, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, telephone (404) 488-4824.

Please refer to Announcement 506 when requesting information or submitting an application.

Potential applicants may obtain a copy of Healthy People 2000 (Full Report, Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or Healthy People 2000 (Summary Report, Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325, telephone (202) 783-3238.

Copies of *Injury Control in the 1990s: A National Plan for Action*. Atlanta: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1993 and *A Framework for Assessing the Effectiveness of Disease and Injury Prevention*, (CDC, *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, March 27, 1992, Volume 41, Number RR-3, pages 5-11) may be obtained by calling (404) 488-4334.

Information for obtaining the suggested readings, *Violence and the Public's Health, Understanding and Preventing Violence*, and *Violence in America: A Public Health Approach*, is included on a separate sheet with the application kit.

Dated: September 14, 1994.

Deborah L. Jones,

Acting Associate Director for Management and Operations, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Mary Ellen Bloodworth,

Certifying Officer.

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Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health: Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BSC, NIOSH).

Times and Dates: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., October 6, 1994. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., October 7, 1994.

Place: Hotel Washington, 515 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004-1099.

Status: Closed 9 a.m.-5 p.m., October 6; Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., October 7.

Purpose: The board reviews research activities to provide guidance on the quality, timeliness, and efficiency of the Institute's programs.

Matters To Be Discussed: The agenda will include personnel and organizational issues relating to the transition of the NIOSH headquarters to Washington, DC, and research, training, and toxicology reviews. This meeting will convene in closed session from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 6, 1994, to discuss subject matter relating solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of NIOSH. This portion of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(2), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Acting Associate Director for Policy Coordination, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Richard A. Lemen, Ph.D., Executive Secretary, BSC, NIOSH, and Deputy Director, NIOSH, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Mailstop D-35, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (404) 639-3773.

Dated: September 14, 1994.

William H. Gimson,

Acting Associate Director for Policy Coordination, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Implications of Recent Legionnaires' Disease Outbreak on Cruise Ship—Public Meeting

The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) and the National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announce the following meeting.

Name: Implications of Recent Legionnaires' Disease Outbreak on Cruise Ship—Public Meeting.

Time and Date: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday, October 17, 1994.

Place: CDC, Building 1, Auditorium B, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Status: Open.

Supplementary Information: An epidemiologic investigation of a recent outbreak of Legionnaires' disease among passengers of a cruise ship indicated that the source of the infection was aerosolized water from the recreational spa system. This meeting between CDC and the cruise-ship industry, recreational-spa industry, private and academic consultants, and other interested parties will review the circumstances of that outbreak, the current requirements for spa sanitation, and what future actions may be advisable to prevent similar outbreaks.

For a period of 15 days following the meeting, through November 1, the official record of the meeting will remain open so that additional material or comments may be submitted and made part of the record of the meeting. The meeting will be open to the public for participation, comment, and observation, limited only by space available.

For Further Information Contact: Thomas O'Toole, Deputy Chief, Special Programs Group (F29), NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, telephone 404/488-7073.

Dated: September 14, 1994.

William H. Gimson,

Acting Associate Director for Policy Coordination, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 94N-0318]

Medical Devices; Alternatives to Silicone Breast Implants; Notice of Workshop

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a public scientific workshop to discuss draft guidance for manufacturers concerning testing requirements for alternatives to breast prostheses containing silicone.

DATES: The public workshop will be held on October 21, 1994, 8:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. Public participation will take the form of written questions that may be submitted at the meeting. Written comments regarding the workshop may be submitted by December 2, 1994.

ADDRESSES: The public workshop will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St. NW., Washington, DC 20028. Advance registration, including a \$40.00 registration fee, is required. A registration form may be obtained by contacting Sociometrics, Inc., 8300 Colesville Rd., suite 550, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301-608-2151 or 1-800-729-0890 (FAX 301-608-3542). Written comments regarding the workshop may be submitted to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 1-23, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John J. Langone or Mary Elizabeth Jacobs, Center for Devices and Radiological Health (HFZ-113), Food and Drug Administration, 12709 Twinbrook Pkwy., Rockville, MD 20852, 301-443-2911 or 301-443-7115, respectively (FAX 301-594-6775).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA recognizes that many women needing or wanting breast implants would like to have a safe and effective alternative to breast prostheses containing silicone. In addition, potential manufacturers of these medical devices would like to know the agency's views on testing requirements for alternative breast implants intended for reconstruction and/or augmentation. The purpose of the scientific workshop is to provide a forum for FDA to present draft guidance concerning alternative breast prostheses testing requirements. Among the major topics planned for discussion are developments in biomaterials, chemical characterization of materials, mechanical testing, preclinical biological testing, clinical testing, quality of life considerations, requirements for investigational device exemptions and premarket approval applications, and postmarket-epidemiological issues. The workshop will include discussion and an exchange of information by invited scientific authorities.

Dated: September 12, 1994.

D.B. Burlington,

Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health.

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Public Health Service

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health; Privacy Act of 1974; Altered System of Records

AGENCY: Public Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notification of an altered system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act, the Public Health Service (PHS) is publishing a notice of altered system of records for the attached 67 Privacy Act systems of records. The purpose of the alteration is to add a new routine use.

DATES: PHS invites interested parties to submit comments on the proposed routine use on or before October 20, 1994. PHS has sent a Report of Altered System of Records to the Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on September 6, 1994. The new routine use will be effective 40 days after the date of publication unless PHS receives comments that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments to: PHS Privacy Act Officer, Room 17-45, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone: 301-443-2055.

Comments received will be available for inspection at this same address from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The PHS Privacy Act Officer at the address listed above.

The telephone number listed above is not toll free.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PHS is proposing to add a new routine use to the 67 Privacy Act systems of records listed below. This routine use will permit the disclosure of information from these systems to certain individuals who are working in various PHS components but who do not have the status of agency employees and, in many instances, do not receive pay from the office that employs them. Examples of such categories of individuals are:

PHS volunteers engaged under 42 U.S.C. 217b.

Student volunteers engaged under 5 U.S.C. 3511.

Job Corps enrollees engaged under the Job Training Older American Community Service Employment Act enrollees.

Individuals working under a personal services contract.

Since some offices that use these workers wish to have them perform functions that entail access to records in Privacy Act systems of records, the question arose whether these workers can be considered employees for

purposes of the Privacy Act. PHS has decided to promulgate a new routine use rather than rely on the protection of subsection (b)(1) of the Privacy Act.

The proposed new routine use is compatible with the purpose of the data collection, since the disclosures are being made for the very purpose for which the information was collected, i.e., to carry out the particular agency or program function for which the specific system of records was established.

The records will continue to be adequately protected, since the individuals to whom the information will be disclosed work under the supervision of agency employees. They must observe the same safeguards that agency employees do in the maintenance of Privacy Act records.

Dated: September 7, 1994.

Wilford J. Forbush,

Director, Office of Management.

- 09-25-0001 Clinical Research: Patient Records, HHS/NIH/NHLBI.
- 09-25-0010 Research Resources: Registry of Individuals Potentially Exposed to Microbial Agents, HHS/NIH/NCL.
- 09-25-0011 Clinical Research: Blood Donor Records, HHS/NIH/CC.
- 09-25-0012 Clinical Research: Candidate Normal Volunteer Records, HHS/NIH/CC.
- 09-25-0014 Clinical Research: Student Records, HHS/NIH/CC.
- 09-25-0015 Clinical Research: Collaborative Clinical Epilepsy Research, HHS/NIH/NINDS.
- 09-25-0016 Clinical Research: Collaborative Perinatal Project HHS/NIH/NINDS.
- 09-25-0026 Clinical Research: Nervous System Studies, HHS/NIH/NINDS.
- 09-25-0028 Clinical Research: Patient Medical Histories, HHS/NIH/NINDS and HHS/NIH/NIDCD.
- 09-25-0031 Clinical Research: Serological and Virus Data in Studies Related to the Central Nervous System, HHS/NIH/NINDS.
- 09-25-0036 Extramural Awards and Chartered Advisory Committees: IMPAC (Grant/Contract/Cooperative Agreement/Chartered Advisory Committee), HHS/NIH/DRG and HHS/NIH/CMO.
- 09-25-0037 Clinical Research: The Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging, HHS/NIH/NIA.
- 09-25-0038 Clinical Research: Patient Data, HHS/NIH/NIDDK.
- 09-25-0039 Clinical Research: Diabetes Mellitus Research Study of Southwestern American Indians, HHS/NIH/NIDDK.
- 09-25-0040 Clinical Research: Southwestern American Indian Patient Data, HHS/NIH/NIDDK.
- 09-25-0041 Research Resources: Scientists Requesting Hormone Distribution, HHS/NIH/NIDDK.
- 09-25-0044 Clinical Research: Sensory Testing Research Program, HHS/NIH/NIDR.

- 09-25-0046 Clinical Research. Catalog of Clinical Specimens from Patients, Volunteers and Laboratory Personnel, HHS/NIH/NIAID.
- 09-25-0053 Clinical Research. Vision Studies, HHS/NIH/NEI.
- 09-25-0057 Clinical Research. Burkitt's Lymphoma Registry, HHS/NIH/NCI.
- 09-25-0060 Clinical Research: Division of Cancer Treatment Clinical Investigations, HHS/NIH/NCI.
- 09-25-0067 Clinical Research: National Cancer Incidence Surveys, HHS/NIH/NCI.
- 09-25-0069 NIH Clinical Center Admissions of the National Cancer Institute, HHS/NIH/NCI.
- 09-25-0074 Clinical Research: Division of Cancer Biology and Diagnosis Patient Trials, HHS/NIH/NCI.
- 09-25-0077 Biological Carcinogenesis Branch Human Specimen Program, HHS/NIH/NCI.
- 09-25-0078 Administration: Consultant File, HHS/NIH/NHLBI.
- 09-25-0091 Administration: General Files on Employees, Donors and Correspondents, HHS/NIH/NEI.
- 09-25-0093 Administration: Administration Authors, Reviewers and Members of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, HHS/NIH/NCI.
- 09-25-0099 Clinical Research: Patient Medical Records, HHS/NIH/CC.
- 09-25-0100 Clinical Research: Neuropharmacology Studies, HHS/NIH/NINDS.
- 09-25-0105 Administration: Health Records of Employees, Visiting Scientists, Fellows, Contractors and Relatives of Inpatients, HHS/NIH/OD.
- 09-25-0106 Administration: Executive Secretariat Correspondence Records, HHS/NIH/OD.
- 09-25-0108 Personnel: Guest Researchers/Student Scientists/Special Volunteers/Scientists Emeriti, HHS/NIH/DPM.
- 09-25-0112 Grants and Cooperative Agreements: Research, Research Training, Fellowship and Construction Applications and Related Awards, HHS/NIH/OD.
- 09-25-0118 Contracts: Professional Services Contractors, HHS/NIH/NCI.
- 09-25-0126 Clinical Research: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Epidemiological and Biometric Studies, HHS/NIH/NHLBI.
- 09-25-0128 Clinical Research: Neural Prosthesis and Biomedical Engineering Studies, HHS/NIH/NINDS.
- 09-25-0129 Clinical Research: Clinical Research Studies Dealing with Hearing, Speech, Language and Chemosensory Disorders, HHS/NIH/NIDCD.
- 09-25-0130 Clinical Research: Studies in the Division of Cancer Cause and Prevention, HHS/NIH/NCI.
- 09-25-0134 Clinical Research: Epidemiology Studies, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, HHS/NIH/NIEHS.
- 09-25-0142 Clinical Research. Records of Subjects in Intramural Research, Epidemiology, Demography and Biometry Studies on Aging, HHS/NIH/NIA.
- 09-25-0143 Biomedical Research. Records of Subjects in Clinical, Epidemiologic and Biometric Studies of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, HHS/NIH/NIAID.
- 09-25-0145 Clinical Trials and Epidemiological Studies Dealing with Visual Disease and Disorders in the National Eye Institute, HHS/NIH/NEI.
- 09-25-0148 Contracted and Contract-Related Research: Records of Subjects in Clinical, Epidemiological and Biomedical Studies of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke and the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, HHS/NIH/NINDS and HHS/NIH/NIDCD.
- 09-25-0154 Biomedical Research Records of Subjects: (1) Cancer Studies of the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, HHS/NIH/NCI; and (2) Women's Health Initiative (WHI) Studies, HHS/NIH/OD.
- 09-25-0156 Records of Participants in Programs and Respondents in Surveys Used to Evaluate Programs of the National Institutes of Health, HHS/NIH/OD.
- 09-25-0158 Administration: Records of Applicants and Awardees of the NIH Intramural Research Training Awards Program, HHS/NIH/OD.
- 09-25-0160 United States Renal Data System (USRDS), HHS/NIH/NIDDK.
- 09-25-0161 Administration: NIH Consultant File, HHS/NIH/DRG.
- 09-25-0165 National Institutes of Health Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Research Loan Repayment Program, HHS/NIH/OD.
- 09-25-0201 Clinical Research: National Institute of Mental Health Patient Records, HHS/NIH/NIMH.
- 09-25-0202 Patient Records on PHS Beneficiaries (1935-1974) and Civilly Committed Drug Abusers (1967-1976) Treated at the PHS Hospitals in Fort Worth, Texas, or Lexington, Kentucky, HHS/NIH/NIDA.
- 09-25-0203 National Institute on Drug Abuse, Addiction Research Center, Federal Prisoner and Non-Prisoner Research Files, HHS/NIH/NIDA.
- 09-25-0205 Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Epidemiologic and Biometric Research Data, HHS/NIH/NIAAA, HHS/NIH/NIDA and HHS/NIH/NIMH.
- 09-25-0211 Intramural Research Program Records of In- and Out-Patients With Various Types of Alcohol Abuse and Dependence, Relatives of Patients With Alcoholism, and Healthy Volunteers, HHS/NIH/NIAAA.
- 09-25-0212 Clinical Research: Neuroscience Research Center Patient Medical Records, HHS/NIH/NIMH.
- 09-20-0112 Fellowship Program and Guest Researcher Records, HHS/CDC/PMO.
- 09-20-0136 Epidemiologic Studies and Surveillance of Disease Problems, HHS/CDC/NCID.
- 09-20-0163 Applicants for National Center for Health Statistics Technical Assistance, HHS/CDC/NCHS.
- 09-20-0164 Health and Demographic Surveys Conducted in Probability Samples of the United States Population, HHS/CDC/NCHS.
- 09-20-0165 Health Manpower Inventories and Surveys, HHS/CDC/NCHS.
- 09-20-0166 Vital Statistics for Births, Deaths, Fetal Deaths, Marriages, and Divorces Occurring in the United States During Each Year, HHS/CDC/NCHS.
- 09-20-0167 Health Resources Utilization Statistics, HHS/CDC/NCHS.
- 09-20-0168 Curricular Vitae of Consultants to the National Center for Health Statistics, HHS/CDC/NCHS.
- 09-20-0169 Users of Health Statistics, HHS/CDC/NCHS.
- 09-17-0001 Health and Medical Records, HHS/IHS/OHP.

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USE:

The following routine use should be added as the last routine use in all systems listed above:

"Records may be disclosed to student volunteers, individuals working under a personal services contract, and other individuals performing functions for PHS who do not technically have the status of agency employees, if they need the records in the performance of their agency functions."

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner

[Docket No. N-94-3816; FR-3772-N-01]

Single Family Property Disposition Sales Program for Public Safety Employees

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Today, HUD is announcing a sales initiative under the Single Family Property Disposition Regulations that is designed to enhance the quality of life and make more homeownership opportunities available to employees who are charged with the responsibility of ensuring the safety and well-being of residents in the community. Under this

effort, HUD will allow governmental entities to purchase HUD-owned properties for resale to their public safety employees, such as police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians. These properties will be occupied by the public safety employees as their primary residences. Assisting local governments by making properties available for purchase by public safety employees will further the Department's objective of creating a safe and decent housing environment for all American families.

DATES: September 20, 1994.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann M. Sudduth, Director, Single Family Property Disposition Division, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-0740; Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may call HUD's TDD number (202) 708-4594. (These telephone numbers are not toll free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

HUD's regulations at 24 CFR part 291, Disposition of HUD-Acquired Single Family Property, allow the Secretary to sell properties to governmental entities.

On October 20, 1993, the Department published an interim rule, which subsequently became effective on November 19, 1993, amending certain provisions of part 291 to allow for a greater flexibility in fluctuating market situations and to provide greater opportunities for affordable housing to families and to State and local governments or nonprofit organizations serving low- and moderate-income families.

A major goal of the Department is to use its resources in a manner that enhances the general well-being of American communities. Promoting safe neighborhoods is a critical component of the Nation's housing policy.

The Department wants to assist these kinds of efforts. Accordingly, it will utilize its authority under 24 CFR part 291 to make single family properties nationwide available for this purpose.

II. Requirements for Purchase of Properties

Only a unit of state or local government may purchase properties under this program. Governmental entities will receive a discount of 30 percent for those properties which are uninsurable and located in revitalization areas. Insurable properties in revitalization areas will be offered at a discount of 10 percent. It is

anticipated that this discount will be passed on to the public safety employee.

Governmental entities purchasing properties under this program should establish a means to ensure that its intent is not abused by the potential purchaser, the public safety employee. The public safety employee should be required to occupy the property as his or her principal residence for at least one year from the date of HUD's closing. Exceptions may be granted by the governmental entity to this occupancy requirement.

III. Participation in this Program

Properties will be sold to governmental entities through competitive bidding or direct sale. Interested governmental entities should contact the local HUD Field Office in their jurisdiction for information on this program.

Dated: September 13, 1994.

Jeanne K. Engel,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of a Technical/Agency Draft Recovery Plan for *Aristida chasae*, *Vernonia proctorii* and *Lyonia truncata* var. *proctorii* for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces availability for public review of a technical/agency draft recovery plan for *Aristida chasae*, *Vernonia proctorii*, *Lyonia truncata* var. *proctorii*. These three species are endemic to Puerto Rico and known only from the southwestern part of the island. The species are threatened by agricultural, residential and tourist development. The Service solicits review and comments from the public on this draft plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before November 21, 1994 to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting Ms. Susan Silander, Caribbean Field Office, P.O. Box 491, Boquerón, Puerto Rico 00622. Comments and materials received are available upon request for public

inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan Silander, Caribbean Field Office, P.O. Box 491, Boquerón, Puerto Rico 00622, Telephone: 809/851-7297.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened species or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

Aristida chasae, *Vernonia proctorii* and *Lyonia truncata* var. *proctorii* are known only from the southwestern part of the island of Puerto Rico. *A. chasae*, an endemic grass, is known from two areas: The Cabo Rojo National Wildlife Refuge in Cabo Rojo and the Sierra Bermeja hills in Cabo Rojo and Lajas. *V. proctorii* and *L. truncata* var. *proctorii*, two small shrubs, are known only from upper slopes of the Sierra Bermeja hills. All three species are threatened in these hills by residential, agricultural and tourist development. Wildfires, a frequent occurrence in the dry southwest scrub forests, also threatened these species, particularly in the Sierra Bermeja. *A. chasae* may also be threatened by competition from introduced grass species.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the plan.