methods that would be acceptable to FDA for allergenic extract testing. The use of alternative analytical methods may be considered but should be discussed with FDA prior to use to prevent the possible expenditure of resources on methods that FDA may later determine to be unacceptable. This notice of availability is announced under § 10.90(b)(10), which provides that particular analytical methods may be included in the public file for a particular purpose.

FDA is requesting comments from interested parties concerning the methods document. These comments will be considered in determining whether further revision of the methods document is warranted.

Interested persons may, at any time, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments on the methods document. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: November 15, 1994.

William K. Hubbard,

Interim Deputy Commissioner for Policy.

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[Docket No. 94F–0393]

Asahi Denka Kogyo K. K., Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Foods and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Asahi Denka Kogyo K. K. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide the expanded safe use of phosphorous acid, cyclic neopentanetetrayl bis(2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylphenyl)ester as an antioxidant and/or stabilizer at a level not to exceed 0.25 percent by weight in olefin copolymers in contact with certain food categories, and at levels not to exceed 0.10 percent by weight in either olefin copolymers or polypropylene in contact with certain other food categories.

DATES: Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by December 23, 1994.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 1–23, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vir D. Anand, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–216), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5)(21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 4B4434) has been filed by Asahi Denka Kogyo K. K., 2, Shirahata 5-Chome, Urawa City, Saitama 366, Japan. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.2010 *Antioxidants and/or stabilizers in polymers* (21 CFR 178.2010) to provide for the expanded safe use of phosphorous acid, cyclic neopentanetetrayl bis(2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylphenyl)ester for use (i) at levels not to exceed 0.25 percent by weight of olefin polymers complying with § 177.1520 (21 CFR 177.1520) in contact with foods of types I, II, III, IV–B, VI–B, and VIII, as described in Table 1, and under conditions of use B through H described in Table 2 of § 176.170(c) (21 CFR 176.170(c)) of this chapter, and with foods of types IV–A, V, VI–A, VI–C, VII–A, and IX, under conditions of use C through G, as described in § 176.170(c), Tables 1 and 2, respectively; and (ii) at levels not to exceed 0.10 percent by weight of either olefin polymers or polypropylene complying with § 177.1520 which may be used only in contact with foods of types IV–A, V, VI–C, VII–A, and IX, under conditions of use H, as described in § 176.170(c) of this chapter, Tables 1 and 2 respectively.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. To encourage public participation consistent with regulations promulgated under the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.4(b)), the agency is placing the environmental assessment submitted with the petition that is the subject of this notice on display at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) for public review and comment. Interested persons may, on or before December 23, 1994, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. FDA will also place on public display any amendments to, or comments on, the petitioner's environmental assessment without further announcement in the **Federal Register**. If, based on its review, the agency finds that an environmental impact statement is not required and this petition results in a regulation, the notice of availability of the agency's finding of no significant impact and the evidence supporting that finding will be published with the regulation in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40(c).

Dated: November 14, 1994.

Alan M. Rulis,

Acting Director, Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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[Docket No. 94F–0381]

The Dow Chemical Co., Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that the Dow Chemical Co. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of glyceryl polyoxypropylene triol;α,α′,α″-1,2,3-propanetriyltris[ω-hydroxypoly(oxypropylene)], average molecular weight 250, as a reactant in the preparation of polyester and polyurethane resins used as components of adhesives for food-contact articles.

DATES: Written comments on petitioner's environmental assessment by December 23, 1994.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 1–23, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vir Anand, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–216), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 4B4435) has been filed by the Dow Chemical Co., 1803 Bldg., Midland, MI 48674–1803. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 175.105 *Adhesives* (21 CFR 175.105) to provide for the safe use of glyceryl polyoxypropylene triol;

α,α′,α″-1,2,3-propanetriyltris[ω-hydroxypoly(oxypropylene)], average molecular weight 250, as a reactant in the preparation of polyester and polyurethane resins used as components of adhesives for food-contact articles.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. To encourage public participation consistent with regulations promulgated under the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.4(b)), the agency is placing the environmental assessment submitted with the petition that is the subject of this notice on public display at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) for public review and comment. Interested persons may, on or before December 23, 1994, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. FDA will also place on public display any amendments to, or comments on, the petitioner's environmental assessment without further announcement in the **Federal Register**. If, based on its review, the agency finds that an environmental impact statement is not required and this petition results in a regulation, the notice of availability of the agency's finding of no significant impact and the evidence supporting that finding will be published with the regulation in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40(c).

Dated: November 14, 1994.

Alan M. Rulis,

Acting Director, Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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[Docket No. 94F–0398]

Eastman Chemical Co.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Eastman Chemical Co. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of 1,4-cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid as a polybasic acid for use in polyester resins intended for food-contact coatings.

DATES: Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by December 23, 1994.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 1–23, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen R. Thorsheim, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–216), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3092.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 4B4431) has been filed by Eastman Chemical Co., P.O. Box 1994, Kingsport TN, 37662. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 175.300 *Resinous and polymeric coatings* (21 CFR 175.300) to provide for the safe use of 1,4-cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid as a polybasic acid for use in polyester resins intended for food-contact coatings.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. To encourage public participation consistent with regulations promulgated under the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.4 (b)), the agency is placing the environmental assessment submitted with the petition that is the subject of this notice on public display at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) for public review and comment. Interested persons may, on or before December 23, 1994, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. FDA will also place on public display any amendments to, or comments on, the petitioner's environmental assessment without further announcement in the **Federal Register**. If, based on its review, the agency finds that an environmental impact statement is not required and this petition results in a regulation, the notice of availability of the agency's finding of no significant impact and the evidence supporting that finding will be published with the regulation in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40(c).

Dated: November 14, 1994.

Alan M. Rulis,

Acting Director, Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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[Docket No. 94F–0395]

Ecological Chemical Products Co.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Ecological Chemical Products Co., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of 2-hydroxy-propanoic acid homopolymer and (2-hydroxy-propanoic acid/caprolactone) block copolymer as components of adhesives.

DATES: Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by December 23, 1994.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 1–23, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen R. Thorsheim, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–216), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3092.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 4B4432) has been filed by Ecological Chemical Products Co., 305 Water St., Newport, DE 19804. The petition proposes to amend § 175.105 *Adhesives* (21 CFR 175.105) of the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of 2-hydroxy-propanoic acid homopolymer and (2-hydroxy-propanoic acid/caprolactone) block copolymer.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. To encourage public participation consistent with regulations promulgated under the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.4 (b)), the agency is placing the environmental assessment submitted with the petition that is the subject of the notice on public display at the Dockets

Management Branch (address above) for public review and comment. Interested persons may, on or before December 23, 1994, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. FDA will also place on public display any amendments to, or comments on, the petitioner's environmental assessment without further announcement in the **Federal Register**. If, based on its review, the agency finds that an environmental impact statement is not required and this petition results in a regulation, the notice of availability of the agency's finding of no significant impact and the evidence supporting that finding will be published with the regulation in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40(c).

Dated: November 14, 1994.

Alan M. Rulis,

Acting Director, Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety Applied Nutrition.

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Health Care Financing Administration

[OPL–003–N]

Medicare Program; Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for December 12, 1994, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. e.s.t.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 800, 8th Floor of the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha DiSario, Executive Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, Room 425–H, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, (202) 690–7874.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) is mandated by section 1868 of the Social Security Act, as added by section 4112 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA '90) (Public Law 101–508, enacted on November 5, 1990), to appoint a Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (the Council) based on nominations submitted by medical organizations representing physicians. The Council meets quarterly to discuss certain proposed changes in regulations and carrier manual instructions related to physicians' services, as identified by the Secretary. To the extent feasible and consistent with statutory deadlines, the consultation must occur before publication of the proposed changes. The Council submits an annual report on its recommendations to the Secretary and the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration not later than December 31 of each year.

The Council consists of 15 physicians, each of whom has submitted at least 250 claims for physicians' services under Medicare in the previous year. Members of the Council include both participating and nonparticipating physicians, and physicians practicing in rural and underserved urban areas. At least 11 members must be doctors of medicine or osteopathy authorized to practice medicine and surgery by the States in which they practice. Members have been invited to serve for overlapping 4-year terms.

The current members are: Gary C. Dennis, M.D.; Catalina E. Garcia, M.D.; Harvey P. Hanlen, O.D.; Kenneth D. Hansen, M.D.; Isabel V. Hoverman, M.D.; Sandral Hullett, M.D.; Jerilynn S. Kaibel, D.C.; William D. Kirsch, D.E., M.P.H.; Marie G. Kuffner, M.D.; Katherine L. Markette, M.D.; Kenton K. Moss, M.D.; Isadore Rosenfeld, M.D.; Richard B. Tompkins, M.D.; Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., M.D.; and James C. Waites, M.D. The chairperson is Richard B. Tompkins, M.D.

The eleventh meeting of the Council will be held on December 12, 1994. The following topics will be discussed at that meeting:

- Autopsy recognition.
- Proposed billing and payment policy for automated multi-channel laboratory testing.
- Increasing physicians' participation in the Health Care Quality Improvement Program (HCQIP). HCQIP is a program to support providers' and physicians' operational and quality improvement efforts. The efforts produce measurable improvements in process and outcome while building the capacity for improvement. These activities, as carried out by local peer review organizations, are called projects. We are also working with outside organizations to increase physician participation in the development and improvement of these projects. We have also convened a steering committee of leaders in the physician community to help us develop quality indicators for use in these projects.
- Medicare and Medicaid common data initiative. The topic concerns essential encounter data that can be used for utilization analysis, appropriate rate-setting, but most importantly, as a data template to examine clinical outcome measures.

Individuals or organizations who wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on the above issues must contact the Executive Director to be scheduled. For the name, address, and telephone number of the Executive Director, see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section at the beginning of this notice. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available.

Anyone who is not scheduled to speak may submit written comments to the Executive Director. The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available on a first-come basis.

(Section 1868 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ee) and section 10(a) of Public Law 92–463 (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)); 45 CFR Part 11.)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program.)

Dated: November 14, 1994.

Bruce C. Vladeck,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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Health Resources and Services Administration

Advisory Council; Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463), announcement is made of the following National Advisory body scheduled to meet during the month of December 1994:

Name: Council on Graduate Medical Education Medical Licensure Subgroup.

Time: December 13, 1994, 10:00 a.m.

Place: Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. Open for entire meeting.

Purpose: Review the operations of the American Medical Association's National