(2) Graduate training in the geosciences, including hydrogeology, geological engineering, geophysics, geochemistry, and related fields, necessary to meet professional personnel needs in the public and private sectors and to carry out the purposes of the Act, and

(3) Worker training relating to handling hazardous substances, which includes short courses and continuing education for State and local health and environment agency personnel and other personnel engaged in the handling of hazardous substances, in the management of facilities at which hazardous substances are located, and in the evaluation of the hazards to human health presented by these facilities.

§ 65a.5 How to apply.

Each institution desiring a grant under this part shall submit an application at such time and in such form and manner as the Secretary may prescribe.

§ 65a.6 How will applications be evaluated?

The Director shall evaluate applications through the officers and employees, and experts and consultants engaged by the Director for that purpose, including review by the National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council in accordance with peer review requirements set forth in part 52h of this chapter. The Director's first level of evaluation will be for technical merit and shall take into account, among other pertinent factors, the significance of the program, the qualifications and competency of the program director and proposed staff, the adequacy of the applicant's resources available for the program, and the amount of grant funds necessary for completion of its objectives. A second level of review will be conducted by the National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council.

§65a.7 Awards.

Criteria. Within the limits of available funds, the Director may award grants to carry out those programs which:

(a) Are determined by the Director to be meritorious; and

(b) In the judgment of the Director, best promote the purposes of the grant program, as authorized under section 311(a) of the Act and the regulations of this part, and best address program priorities.

§ 65a.8 How long does grant support last?

(a) The notice of grant award specifies how long NIEHS intends to support the project without requiring the project to recompete for funds. This period, called the project period, may be for 1–5 years.

- (b) Generally, the grant will initially be for one year and subsequent continuation awards will also be for one year at a time. A grantee must submit a separate application at such time and in such form and manner as the Secretary may prescribe to have the support continued for each subsequent year. Decisions regarding continuation awards and the funding level of these awards will be made after consideration of such factors as the grantee's progress and management practices, and the availability of funds. In all cases, continuation awards require determination by the Director that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal Government.
- (c) Neither the approval of any application nor the award of any grant commits or obligates the Federal Government in any way to make any additional, supplemental, continuation or other award with respect to any approved application or portion of an approved application.
- (d) Any balance of federally obligated grant funds remaining unobligated by the grantee at the end of a budget period may be carried forward to the next budget period, for use as prescribed by the Director, provided a continuation award is made. If at any time during a budget period it becomes apparent to the Director that the amount of Federal funds awarded and available to the grantee for that period, including any unobligated balance carried forward from prior periods, exceeds the grantee's needs for that period, the Director may adjust the amounts awarded by withdrawing the excess.

§ 65a.9 What are the terms and conditions of awards?

In addition to being subject to other applicable regulations (see § 65a.11 of this part), grants awarded under this part are subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Material changes. The grantee may not materially change the quality, nature, scope, or duration of the program unless the approval of the Director is obtained prior to the change.
- (b) Additional conditions. The Director may impose additional conditions prior to the award of any grant under this part if it is determined by the Director that the conditions are necessary to carry out the purpose of the grant or assure or protect advancement of the approved program, the interests of the public health, or the conservation of grant funds.

§ 65a.10 For what purposes may grant funds be spent?

A grantee shall expend funds it receives under this part solely in accordance with the approved application and budget, the regulations of this part, the terms and conditions of the award, and the applicable cost principles in 45 CFR 74.27.

§ 65a.11 Other HHS policies and regulations that apply.

Several other HHS policies and regulations apply to awards under this part. These include but are not necessarily limited to:

- 42 CFR part 50, subpart A—
 Responsibility of PHS awardee and
 applicant institutions for dealing with
 and reporting possible misconduct in
 science
- 42 CFR part 50, subpart D—Public Health Service grant appeals procedure
- 42 CFR part 52h—Scientific Peer Review of Research Grant Applications and Research and Development Contract Projects
- 45 CFR part 16—Procedures of the Departmental Grant Appeals Board 45 CFR part 46—Protection of human
- subjects
 45 CFR part 74—Administration of
- 45 CFR part 75—Informal grant appeals procedures
- 45 CFR part 76—Governmentwide debarment and suspension (nonprocurement) and governmentwide requirements for drug-free workplace (grants)
- 45 CFR part 80—Nondiscrimination under programs receiving Federal assistance through the Department of Health and Human Services effectuation of title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- 45 CFR part 81—Practice and procedure for hearings under part 80 of this title
- 45 CFR part 84—Nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance
- 45 CFR part 86—Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving or benefiting from Federal financial assistance
- 45 CFR part 91—Nondiscrimination on the basis of age in HHS programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance
- 45 CFR part 92—Uniform administrative requirements for grants and cooperative agreements to State and local governments
- 45 CFR part 93—New restrictions on lobbying 51 FR 16958 (May 7, 1986)— NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules