

be changed and, if so, to develop recommendations for such change.

**Proposed Collection:** Title: American Investigators' Attitudes Regarding U.S. Human Subjects Regulations. Type of Information Collection Request: New.

**Need and Use of Information Collection:**

This is an effort by the National Bioethics Advisory Commission to provide information that is currently not available to assist the Commission in its upcoming deliberations on international bioethics issues. The respondents are individual U.S. researchers who have conducted or are currently conducting research in developing countries, funded by the U.S. government and therefore subject to U.S. human subject protection regulations. The following research questions will be addressed:

What are the attitudes and experiences of US-based health researchers working in developing countries regarding US-generated ethical guidelines and human subjects regulations? What recommendations do such researchers make for revising the U.S. guidelines for research conducted in developing world settings? This study will employ two phases: Phase 1 will consist of focus groups with American investigators; and Phase 2 will entail mailing a self-administered survey to a randomly selected sample of researchers funded by the Federal government or private entities to conduct health research in developing countries.

**Frequency of Response:** One time. **Affected Public:** Individuals. **Type of Respondents:** Researchers.

The annual reporting burden is as follows: **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 245; **Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1; **Average Burden Hour per Respondent:** .776; and **Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:** 190. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at \$4,750. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

**Request for Comments:** Written comments and/or suggestions from public individuals or organizations should be sent to 6100 Executive Boulevard, Suite 5B01, Rockville, MD 20892-7508, or to the Commission's website at [www.bioethics.gov](http://www.bioethics.gov). Responses can also be faxed to 301-480-6900. Responses should address ways that enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information sought.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact in writing Ms. Patricia Norris at the address shown above or via the NBAC website.

**Comments Due Date:** Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having a full effect if received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: December 14, 1998.

**Eric M. Meslin,**

*Executive Director, National Bioethics Advisory Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Office of Public Health and Science; Request for Nominations for Members of the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Coordinating Committee

The Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS) requests nominations for representatives to serve on the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Coordinating Committee (CFSCC). Nominations are solicited for representatives in the following categories: (1) Individuals who are biomedical research scientists with demonstrated achievements in biomedical research relating to chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS); and, (2) individuals with expertise in health care services, disability issues, or who are representatives of private health care insurers.

**INFORMATION REQUIRED:** Each nomination shall consist of a package that at a minimum includes:

A. A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the nominator's basis for the nomination, and the category for which the person is nominated;

B. The name, return address, and daytime telephone number at which the nominator may be contacted. Organizational nominators must identify a principal contact person in addition to contact information.

C. A copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae.

All nomination information for a nominee must be provided in complete single package. Incomplete nominations cannot be considered. Nomination materials must bear original signatures and facsimile transmissions or copies are not acceptable.

**DATES:** All nominations must be received at the address below by no later than 4 p.m. EDT on January 15, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** All nomination packages shall be submitted to Lillian Abbey, Executive Secretary, National Institutes

of Health, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, Solar Building, Room 3A26, 6003 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lillian Abbey at the above address or at (301) 496-1884 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. EDST.

Dated: December 10, 1998.

**David Satcher,**

*Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

#### Mine Safety and Health Research Advisory Committee (MSHRAC): Notice of Recharter

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) of October 6, 1972, that the Mine Safety and Health Research Advisory Committee (formerly known as the Mine Health Research Advisory Committee), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, of the Department of Health and Human Services, has been rechartered for a 2-year period, through November 30, 2000.

For further information, contact Larry Grayson, Ph.D., Executive Secretary, MSHRAC, CDC, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 715-H, Humphrey Building, Washington, D.C. 20201. Telephone 202/401-2192, fax 202/260-4464, e-mail [lhg9@cdc.gov](mailto:lhg9@cdc.gov).

The Director, Management Analysis and Services office has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: December 11, 1998.

**Carolyn J. Russell,**

*Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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