is a survey of hospitals, physicians and other medical providers. The purpose of this survey is to supplement and verify the information provided by household respondents in the household component of the MEPS (MEPS–HC) about the use of medical services. With the permission of members of the households surveyed in the MEPS–HC, we plan to contact their medical providers to determine the actual dates of service, the diagnoses, the services provided, the amount that was charged the amount that was paid and the source of payment. Thus, the MPC is derived from or is based upon the core survey, the MEPS–HC.

The Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Household Component (MEPS–HC) to be conducted will provide annual, nationally representatives estimates of health care use, expenditures, and sources of payment and insurance coverage for the U.S. civilian non-institutionalized population. MEPS is cosponsored by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

MEPS data confidentially is protected under sections 308(d) and 903(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242m and 42 U.S.C. 299a–1).

Data from medial providers linked to household respondents in the MEPS Household component for calendar year 1998 will be collected beginning in 1999 and continuing into the year 2000, data for calendar year 1999 will be collected beginning in 2000 and continue into the year 2001. Data for calendar year 2000 will be collected beginning in 2001 and continue into the year 2002.

Method of Collection

The medical provider survey will be conducted predominantly by telephone, but may include self-administered mail surveys, if requested by the respondent.

The estimated annual hour burden is as follows:

Type of provider	Number of respondents	Average number of patients/providers	Average number of events/patient	Average burden/event
Hospital	3,500	2	3.2	5 min. (.083 hrs.)
Office-based doctor	8,500	1.3	3.5	5 min.
Separately billing doctor (e.g., radiologists, anesthesiologists or those who bill hospital patients directly).	800	1	1.3	5 min
Home health	500	1.1	5.8	5 min.
Pharmacy	6,000	1.8	10.3	3 min.

Estimated Annual Burden Total: 11,759 hours.

Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) The necessity of the proposed collection; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques of other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Copies of these proposed collection plans and instruments can be obtained from the AHCPR Reports Clearance Office (see above).

Dated: May 3, 1999.

John M. Eisenberg,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Hanford Thyroid Morbidity Study Advisory Committee: Cancellation of Meeting.

This notice announces the cancellation of a previously announced advisory committee meeting.

Federal Notice Citation of Previous Announcement: 64 FR 19542–19543, April 21, 1999.

Previously Announced Times and Dates: 1 p.m.–5 p.m., May 6, 1999, and 7 p.m.–9 p.m., May 6, 1999.

Change in the Meeting: This meeting has been cancelled.

Contact Persons for Additional Information: General information may be obtained from Mr. Mike Donnelly, Radiation Studies Branch (RSB), Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects (DEHHE), National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, (F–35), Atlanta, Georgia 30341–3724, telephone 770–488–7040, fax 770–488–7044. Technical information may be obtained from Dr. Paul Garbe, RSB, DEHHE, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, (F–35), Atlanta, Georgia 30341–3724, telephone 770–488–7040, fax 770–488–7044.

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 CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: April 30, 1999.

Carolyn J. Russell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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: Safety and Occupational Health Study Section (SOHSS), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Times and Dates: 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m., June 17, 1999. 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m., June 18, 1999.

Place: Holiday Inn, 480 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314.

Status: Open 8 a.m.–8:15 a.m., June 17, 1999; Closed 8:15 a.m.–5:30 p.m., June 17, 1999; Closed 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m., June 18, 1999.

Purpose: The Safety and Occupational Health Study Section will review, discuss, and evaluate grant application(s) received in response to the Institute's standard grants review and funding cycles pertaining to research issues in occupational safety and health and allied areas.

It is the intent of NIOSH to support broad-based research endeavors in keeping with the Institute's program goals which will lead to improved understanding and appreciation for the magnitude of the aggregate health burden associated with occupational injuries and illnesses, as well as to support more focused research projects which will lead to improvements in the delivery of occupational safety and health services and the prevention of work-related injury and illness. It is anticipated that research funded will promote these program goals.

Matters to be Discussed: The meeting will convene in open session from 8:00–8:15 a.m. on June 17, 1999, to address matters related to the conduct of Study Section business. The remainder of the meeting will proceed in closed session. The purpose of the closed sessions is for the Safety and Occupational Health Study Section to consider safety and occupational health related grant applications. These portions of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(4) and (6) title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Associate Director for Management and Operations, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92–463. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information: Pervis C. Major, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Coordination and Special Projects, Office of the Director, NIOSH, 1095 Willowdale Road, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505. telephone 304/285–5979.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99N–0791]

Agency Emergency Processing Under OMB Review; Survey of Medical Device Manufacturers for Year 2000 Compliance of Manufacturing Systems

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency processing under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA). The proposed collection of information concerns a survey of medical device manufacturers for Year 2000 compliance of their manufacturing systems. The list of the Year 2000 compliant facilities will be made available to the public via the World Wide Web.

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, New Executive Office Bldg., 725 17th St. NW., rm. 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: Desk Officer for FDA. All comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Schlosburg, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA–250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–1223.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA has requested emergency processing of this proposed collection of information under section 3507(j) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3507(j)) and 5 CFR 1320.13. FDA is requesting certain information on the Year 2000 compliance status of medical device manufacturing processes. This information is needed immediately in order to allow the agency to: (1) Assess the impact of the Year 2000 problem on the continued availability of an adequate supply of safe and effective medical devices and medical/surgical supplies; (2) properly advise the health-care industry and the U.S. public regarding the preparedness of the medical device industry; and (3) assess the need for additional government actions to address potential supply disruptions. This information is essential to the mission of the agency. The potential existence of Year 2000 problems in the medical device industry could pose potentially serious health and safety consequences. The use of normal clearance procedures would prolong the time needed to assess Year 2000 compliance by regulated industry.

FDA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FDA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FDA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

Title: Survey of Medical Device Manufacturers for Year 2000 Compliance of Manufacturing Systems

Section 705(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 375(b)) permits the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to disseminate information regarding food, drugs, devices, and cosmetics in situations involving, in the opinion of the Secretary, imminent danger to health, or gross deception of the consumer. Manufacturers will be asked to provide a status on their Year 2000 readiness and will also be asked if they have contingency plans. The survey will also ask if they have tested, verified, and certified their systems. Finally, the request will ask for a single point of contact at the manufacturer to discuss information.

The manufacturer will be able to provide facsimile, electronic, or paper copy of the information to FDA for inclusion in the web site data base. Government agencies, as well as health-care facilities and the general public, will have access to the web site to be able to assess their vulnerability to Year 2000 problems and to take corrective actions, if necessary, in advance of January 1, 2000. The posting of information on compliant facilities is designed to provide health care facilities with a positive statement as to the status of compliant firms.

Respondents: Medical Device Manufacturers

FDA estimates the burden of this collection as follows: