

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: John Morrall, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 16, 2001.

**Jane M. Harrison,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Indian Health Service**

**Customer Satisfaction Survey; Request for Public Comment**

**AGENCY:** Indian Health Service, HHS.

**ACTION:** Request for Public Comment; 30-day notice; Proposed Information

Collection: Indian Health Service Customer Satisfaction Survey.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed information collection projects, the Indian Health Service (HHS) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection project was previously published in the **Federal Register** (65 FT 18120) on April 6, 2000 and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comment was received in response to the notice. The purpose of this notice is to allow 30 days for public comment to be submitted to OMB.

**Proposed Collection**

*Title:* "Indian Health Service Customer Satisfaction Survey." *Type of Information Collection Request:* New. *Form Number:* None. *Need and Use of the Information Collection:* Executive Order 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards" directs agencies "that

provide significant services directly to the public" to "survey customers to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing services." The proposed customer satisfaction survey is designed to assess the level of customer (patient) satisfaction with the services provided at HHS-operated health care facilities. Voluntary customer service surveys will provided at IHS-operated health care facilities. Voluntary customer service surveys will be conducted at IHS-operated health care facilities. The information gathered will be used by agency management and staff to identify strengths and weaknesses in current service provision, to plan and redirect resources to make improvements that are practical and feasible, and to provide vital feedback to local health officials, health boards, and community members regarding customer satisfaction with the health care and related services being provided. *Affected Public:* Individuals. *Type of Respondents:* Individuals.

The table below provides burden hour information.

TABLE

Data Collection Instrument	Estimated No. of Respondents	Responses per Respondent	Average burden hour per response*	Total annual burden hrs
Customer Satisfaction Survey .....	7500	1	0.25 hr (15 minutes).	1875.0
Total .....	7500	1	.....	1875.0

\*The ease of understanding, burden hours are also provided in actual minutes.

There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs and/or Maintenance Costs to report for this information collection.

**Request for Comments**

Your written comments and/or suggestions are invited on one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the information collection activity is necessary to carry our an agency function; (b) whether the IHS processes the information collected in a useful and timely fashion; (c) the accuracy of the public burden estimate (the estimated amount of time needed for individual respondents to provide the requested information); (d) whether methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimate are logical; (e) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Direct Comments to OMB**

Send your written comments and suggestions regarding the proposed information collection contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, to: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for IHS. To request more information on the proposed collection or to obtain a copy of the data collection plan(s) and/or instruction(s), contact: Mr. Lance Hodahkwen, Sr., M.P.H., IHS Reports Clearance Officer, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 450, Rockville, MD 20852-1601, or call non-toll free (301) 443-2613, or send your e-mail requests, comments, and return address to: [lhodahkwen@hqe.ihs.gov](mailto:lhodahkwen@hqe.ihs.gov).

**Comment Due Date**

Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having

their full effect if received within 30-days of the date of this publication.

Dated: October 10, 2001.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Agricultural Health Study—A Prospective Cohort Study of Cancer and Other Diseases Among Men and Women in Agriculture—Rheumatoid Arthritis Validation Sub-study**

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on

proposed data collection projects, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

### Proposed Collection

*Title:* Agricultural Health Study—A Prospective Cohort Study of Cancer and Other diseases Among Men and Women in Agriculture—Rheumatoid Arthritis Validation Study. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision. (OMB 0925–0406, expires 11/30/01). *Need and Use of Information Collection:* The Agricultural Health Study is an ongoing prospective cohort study of 89,189 farmers, their spouses, and commercial applicators of pesticides from Iowa and North Carolina. The proposed revision is intended to assess the validity of self-reported Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) in the Agricultural Health Study (AHS) within small subgroups of individuals. The collection is intended to identify confirmed cases of RA to include in etiologic analyses of farming exposures and RA; evaluate the efficacy of certain questions or sets of questions for screening out false-positives for self-reported RA and identify subgroups to target for future etiologic studies of RA, based on a relatively high prevalence of RA and the feasibility of disease confirmation. *Frequency of Response:* One time. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Farms. *Type of Respondents:* Private pesticide applicators and their spouses. The annual reporting burden is as follows: *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 439; *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.0; *Average Burden Hours Per Response:* .42; and *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 184. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: \$1,840. There are no Capitol Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

### Request for Comments

Written comments and/or suggestion from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**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 Michael C.R. Alavanja, Dr. P.H., Epidemiology and Biostatistics Program, Division of Cancer Etiology, National Cancer Institute, EPN 8000, 6120 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, or call (310) 435–4720, or E-mail your request, including your address to: [alavanjam@mail.nih.gov](mailto:alavanjam@mail.nih.gov)

*Comments Due Date:* Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before December 24, 2001.

Dated: October 15, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Submission for OMB review; comment request; The National Survey to Evaluate the NIH SBIR Program.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Extramural Research, Office of Extramural Programs, the National Institutes of Health has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on June 14, 2001 (p. 32361) and allowed 60-days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection: *Title:* The National Survey to Evaluate the NIH SBIR Program. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New. *Need and Use*

*of Information Collection:* The NIH, Office of Extramural Research, Office of Extramural Programs seeks to obtain OMB's approval to conduct a survey to evaluate the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program. The SBIR Program, established by Congress in 1982 (Public Law 97–219) and recently reauthorized through September 30, 2008 (Pub. L. 106–554), provides research support to small businesses for innovative technology. The primary objectives are to assess the extent to which SBIR program goals are being met, particularly those dealing with the commercialization of research products, processes or services and the uncovering of new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. With survey information, NIH is enabled to accurately assess the results of its large financial investment in funding innovative research conducted by small business concerns. Findings will help to: (1) Understand if innovative projects supported through the NIH SBIR Program are being commercialized, and if so, to classify the types of products, processes or services that are derived through SBIR funding; (2) determine if other measures of success defined within the NIH mission are being achieved; and (3) enhance NIH's administration of the SBIR Program and the support that it provides to small business concerns. Overall, the NIH will use the survey results to assess the outcomes from NIH-supported SBIR awards. OD will collect information from SBIR awardees using an Internet survey. The online survey will be implemented using SSL (Secure Socket Layer) encryption technology and password access. OD will use first-class mail and email messages to advise awardees that they have been selected to participate in the survey. *Frequency of Response:* Annual (As needed on an ongoing basis.); *Affected Public:* Small business concerns supported by NIH through the SBIR Program; and *Type of Respondents:* For-profit small business concerns that have received NIH SBIR awards. The annual reporting burden is as follows: *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000; *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1; *Average Burden Hours Per Response:* .5; and *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 500. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at \$37,500. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating Costs and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

### Request for Comments

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